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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kenneth George SADLER et al.
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For : APPLICATOR FOR SURGICAL CLIPS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application filed herewith, entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A1 Page 1, line 2, insert the heading "Technical Field";

A2 Page 1, line 5, insert the heading "Background of Related Art";

A3 Page 2, before line 1, insert the heading "Summary";

A4 Page 4, line 3, insert the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings"; and

Page 5, line 12, insert the heading "Detailed Description of the Illustrative

A5 Embodiments".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims as follows: